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THE erection and dedication, in honor of Judge Silas M. Clark, of our beautiful new Dormitory Building seems a fitting occasion to recall a few of the leading facts in the life of this distinguished man and to dwell for a moment upon his services to the Normal School.

He was born in 1834 and lived almost his entire life in Indiana, where he died in 1891. After preparation in the Indiana Academy he entered the Junior class in Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Penna., from which he graduated fifth in a class of sixty in 1852. Returning to Indiana he spent two years as teacher in the Academy where he had prepared for college, and where he now acquired that keen interest in educational affairs that as Director of Public Schools, Trustee and President of the Normal School, he maintained until the close of his life.

He was admitted to the bar in 1857, when only 23 years of age. Although the bar of Indiana county contained some of the strongest lawyers in the State, young Clark forged to the front, and during the last ten years before his election to the Supreme bench he was employed as counsel on one side or the other of every important case tried in the county. His strong characteristic as a lawyer was his readiness to seize and present the essential features of each case, which he always did so clearly and forcibly as to be easily understood by layman and lawyer alike.

He was a member of the Constitutional convention of 1873, where he served on the committees on Declaration of Rights, Private Corporations, and Revision and Adjustment. He was among the ablest of that body of representative men and his speeches on the judicial article are among the most valuable contributions to the debates of that convention.

He was nominated by the Democratic party for Supreme Judge in 1882, and it is indicative of the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors that he carried his own county of Indiana by a majority of 151, although the majority for James A. Beaver, the Republican candidate for Governor, was about 2,000. He entered upon the duties of his office in January, 1883, and continued in active service upon the bench until a few days before his death.

From the very beginning of the movement for a Normal School at Indiana in 1872 until his death he stood the firmest of its champions, the ablest of its friends.

As a member of the Constitutional convention he was most active in having the educational interests of the Commonwealth provided for in the fundamental law. The provision that made the minimum appropriation to the common schools one million dollars annually and the other provision that required only a majority vote to pass appropriations to Normal schools, the wisdom of which has been demon-

strated many times, were the subjects of his special care in that convention.

Said Judge Clark, in talking to a prominent man, a few weeks before his death, "My life may not be long now, but I have done one permanent work—I have helped to make the Normal School." He did help to make the Normal School, and the story of his nineteen years of service is written by that angel that loves to record the deeds of men that are born and nurtured in self sacrifice and consecration. We shall not attempt it. The all too liberal sum he first subscribed was nothing to the ceaseless toil of those years cut right out of the working time of his life. He was but thirty-eight when he put on this harness, he laid it off only with his life.

It happened more than once that he had every dollar he personally owned pledged for the honor of the school. What great burdens he voluntarily and grandly bore! No sacrifice seemed too much for him to make for our sake; no trouble or toil too great for him to undergo. He would close his office for a week at a time just at the busiest part of his life to go to Harrisburg to look after our interests. There was no person he could influence that he failed to influence; there was no fact or argument at his command that he did not bring to bear for us; there was no friend that he could make that he failed to make. He considered no night too stormy for him to go out, nor no journey too long for him to take, to do the Normal School a needed service.

In those early days of financial distress, when the expected State appropriation was not forthcoming, the writer saw him stand in the Normal School building and bid in under the sheriff's hammer every

article of furniture or equipment owned by the school, and so hurt was his pride and so obvious his suffering that every voice was hushed, and not a student made a comment any more than if he had been deaf and blind. All personal feelings or personal interest sank out of sight where the interests of the school were concerned. Almost to his last breath his face would light up at any good news from the school, or cloud with dejection over bad. What a stimulus he was to us all! His sacrifice made us forget our selfishness; his bravery shamed us many a time out of our cowardice. His generosity made us despise our meanness. By some felicity of his personal life, by some wise, deep or beautiful word spoken or written, we were made to feel continually the impulse of his master mind.

One of our school girls belonging to those early days when Judge Clark knew the students personally, wrote at the time of his death, "The grave has closed over my *best friend*—the man who best understood me in those days when I needed friends and sympathy. It was through the timely aid which he gave me that I was enabled to get through school, and for the happy useful life I have since lived I have much to thank him." One of the most learned and ablest of the men who sat on the bench with him wrote at the time of his death to his children concerning him: "My heart bleeds for you with a grief that is mine as well as yours. You know how I loved him. He was so good, so tender-hearted, so loving, so generous, so noble, how could any one know him and not love him? Of all men living he had my tenderest affections \* \* \* If it is any consolation to you to know of his



high honor in the world you can have the most convincing assurance that in all respects in which men are distinguished among their fellows he was surpassed by none and equalled by few. He was deservedly held in universal esteem all over the Commonwealth. As a lawyer and a judge he was in the loftiest rank of the profession. He was the very soul of honour and of unspotted integrity in all the walks of life." Through more than a hundred letters ran the same refrain, "He was my friend." What were the qualities in this man that gave so immediately and confidently that feeling? They were qualities of both head and heart—the intellectual comprehension, the quick insight into character that immediately grasped the measure of men; the unerring intuition that let him at once into the feelings as well as the needs of others. And such was the power of his genius, such the charm of his manner and the affectionateness of his nature that those who were the nearest to him and must have known even his faults best, loved him the deepest and loved him to the last.



#### **Dedication of Silas M. Clark Hall.**

The Boys' Dormitory, Silas M. Clark Hall, was formally opened Saturday evening, January twelfth, with appropriate ceremonies.

The preparations for the event were in the hands of a committee of the Faculty, which was ably assisted by J. Wood Clark, one of the Trustees and son of the late Silas M. Clark. Invitations were sent to the alumni, and to the many friends of the school. The result was that a large and intelligent audience outside of the

Trustees and student body were present to show their interest and appreciation.

It was due to the careful management of the committee in charge that every detail of the appointments for the evening was complete. The buildings were all lighted; recreation hall was handsomely decorated by the Seniors with Japanese lanterns, and the class colors, yellow and white. A string of incandescent lights alternating with illuminated Japanese lanterns extended from Thomas Sutton Hall to the front door of the dormitory.

Within the dormitory, good cheer and cordiality prevailed. On the first floor, in the handsome Y. M. C. A. parlor, the guests were received by Mr. Thomas Sutton, President of the Board, and Mrs. Sutton, Doctor and Mrs. Ament, Miss Leonard and Mr. J. Wood Clark. Every young man living in the dormitory was a host, and vied with his neighbor in making his room attractive and in extending hospitality to the throng of visitors. In a room on the second floor, tastefully decorated, and presided over by Miss Hope Stewart, punch and wafers were served.

At 8.30, the hour for the formal dedication service, the guests and students assembled in the chapel in John Sutton Hall. On the platform of the chapel, placed upon an easel, decorated with flowers, was a fine portrait of the Honorable Silas M. Clark, one of the founders of the school, the second president of the Board of Trustees, whose name honors the Boys' Dormitory. Seated on the platform were Doctor Ament, Judge Harry White, President Sutton, and J. Wood Clark.

It was eminently fitting that Mr. Clark should have been made master of cere-

monies, and that Judge White, friend of Judge Clark, and the only survivor of the original Board of Trustees, should have been chosen to present Silas M. Clark Hall to the school.

The program opened with a selection played by Miss Cogswell on the new pipe organ. After this Gen. White was introduced. He briefly reviewed the circumstances attending the formation of the plan for the school and the legislation which was passed, authorizing its incorporation. He lingered upon the service, his old friend Silas M. Clark, had rendered in behalf of the Normal School. Through the entire speech ran a thread of interesting reminiscence in which Judge White's addresses are always rich. Dr. Ament rose and the speaker in behalf of the Trustees turned over to him the keys of Silas M. Clark Hall.

After an overture by the school orchestra, seated in the gallery, and under the direction of Prof. Cogswell, Doctor Ament was introduced to receive the hall on behalf of the school.

In a graceful speech he referred to the wisdom and consecration of the founders of the school, and pledged the Trustees, on behalf of the school, fidelity worthy of their efforts in the interests of the school. He prophesied greater things for education as a result of the energy, thought, and wise counsel bestowed upon the Normal School by the Trustees. Dr. Ament expressed the hope that still other buildings will be erected for the use of the institution, and that one of these, a library, should be named in honor of the only surviving member of the original Board of Trustees, White Hall.

The closing number on the program

was a violin solo, artistically rendered by Miss Beardsley, of the Normal conservatory.

The entire exercises were marked by a thoughtful spirit and a refinement in keeping with the dignity of the occasion. The large sympathetic audience showed a reverence for the memory of the great benefactor of the Normal School, while they rejoice with us that our boys are comfortably housed in Silas M. Clark Hall.

### Conservatory Echoes.

PROF. HAMLIN E. COGSWELL  
Director of The Normal Conservatory of Music.



The music school is growing steadily, not a forced growth but a steady and strong one. On account of a heavy program in the regular Normal course, now and then one drops out, but the places are quickly filled, new ones in the music course constantly registering and pianos for practice at a premium. There have been purchased four new ones since the school year began.

The Choral Society is to give another concert in a few weeks, consisting of a miscellaneous first part and the rendition of Gounod's "Gallia." Work will begin soon upon some popular secular composition and one of the great oratorios, presumably the "Elijah."

The following program was rendered by the Indiana Choral Society under the direction of Prof. Hamlin E. Cogswell, on Thursday evening, January 17th, in Library Hall :

## PART FIRST

Overture—William Tell ..... Rossini  
Selection—Lohengrin..... Wagner  
    a. Blumengefluster..... Von Blon  
    b. Al Fresco..... Victor Herbert  
        a. It's a' for Love of Thee... Bartlett  
        b. See, Love! I Bring Thee Flowers  
   Lambert  
    c. To Anthea..... Hatton  
**HARRY B. BROCKETT**

Peer Gynt Suite.....Grieg  
 a. Aase's Death  
 b. Anitra's Dance  
 c. In the Hall of the Mountain King  
 Grand March—Aida.....Verdi  
 JEAN DEBACKER, Director of

## PART SECOND

Hiawatha's Wedding Feast  
Coleridge Taylor.

The following notice of the concert appeared in one of the local papers:

The concert last Thursday evening, Jan. 17, in Library Hall by the Indiana Choral society and the Pittsburg Festival Orchestra, was one of those rare events which directly delight an immense audience and indirectly benefit an entire community. Great interest was centered upon the occasion and great expectations were held in advance, so that the sale of seats was almost phenomenal. But it is doubtful if many of those even who expected the most were really prepared for the superb performance which was given.

The miscellaneous program, which marked the first of the evening's entertainment, and which was rendered by the Festival Orchestra of twenty-five members under the direction of Jean de Backer, was well arranged and splendidly executed. The tenor soloist of the evening, Mr. H. B. Brockett, sang three delightful selections during this part—his voice, carefully cul-

tivated and excellently controlled, being sweet, sympathetic and smooth. The second part of the program was Coleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," rendered by the Indiana Choral Society under the direction of Mr. Hamlin E. Cogswell and accompanied by the Festival Orchestra with Mr. Brockett as soloist. The work of the Choral Society was magnificent and reflected the most unqualified credit upon the intelligent and artistic ability and carefulness of Mr. Cogswell, who within the space of so few months has brought together and into so high a degree of development, such a body of singers. Not only the immediate execution of the work of the evening, but also the method of that execution, the very appearance of the chorus, and the conduct of its members upon the stage, gave evidence of the impression of a masterful director upon an intelligently responsive organization, both of them being intensely in earnest. It is safe to predict that the mere announcement of future public work by the Indiana Choral Society will be sufficient to crowd the hall to the door.

#### **A Musical Treat.**

The Recital given in Assembly Hall on Thanksgiving evening, under the auspices of the Christian Associations, was a delightful event, and was attended by a large, appreciative and enthusiastic audience. Not only were the students there in force, but many of the music-loving residents of Indiana were also present. The occasion was a public introduction, in concert work, of three members of our new Conservatory of Music faculty—Miss Evelyn Beardsley, in violin solos; Miss Florence Vincent, in contralto solos; and Miss Edna Cogswell, in piano and organ solos, and as accompanist. Each one of the ladies won the hearts of the audience by artistic work, and the whole entertainment was inspiring.

#### **The Chapel.**

Through the generosity of the Board of Trustees and the wise suggestion of Dr. Ament, the chapel of I. S. N. S. has been wonderfully transformed. The dingy mask of smoke and dust has disappeared from the walls and the wood work has a finish of old ivory which gives a clean, wholesome and inviting appearance. The rostrum is finished in a rich dark brown floor dressing, over which is laid a beautiful Persian rug.

The hall is further beautified by appropriate statuary and well chosen pictures. The busts of Longfellow and Washington together with the pictures, The Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey, and The Last Supper, adorn the north wall. Equally well arranged, and suggestively balancing the north wall, is the south, with a good picture of Parsifal, and a sombre autumn scene accompanied by the busts of Horace Mann and Abraham Lincoln.

The rostrum is quite ornate. The prevailing colors are yellow, brown and dull autumn green. These shades are tastefully blended in a pretty screen, the rug, the floor, a three piece set of mission furniture upholstered in spanish leather, and our splendid pipe organ. To the right of the organ is the statue Euterpe; to the left, that of Polyhymnia, each a model of grace and beauty.

On a large corner bracket to the right of the rostrum, is Michael Angelo's Moses, which seems to speak words of wisdom to his many admirers; while at the opposite side of the room sits Lorenzo de' Medici by the same sculptor, teaching us the value of quiet meditation.

Over the door leading from the stage to the left, keeping quiet watch over all, is



a Sistine Madonna, which always calls forth admiration from every lover of art.

Over the door which leads from the stage to the right, hangs a picture that represents "The queen of hearts" to the I. S. N. S. and her alumni. The picture of Jane E. Leonard—the most fitting of all decorations to grace the walls of this auditorium.

The fish-net drapery or curtains at the windows cast a soft green tint over the room which is restful to the eyes and suggestive of mental quietude.

We hear whispers to the effect that opera chairs are to be placed in the gallery for the accommodation of the largely increased attendance we fully expect in the spring term. Would that a magic wand might bring forth an inclined plane, elaborately arranged with good opera chairs for the main floor, and then we should feel that Boston Symphony Hall only, could surpass us.

### **The Alumni.**

Olive Briney, '99, who is teaching in in 41st ward, Pittsburg, recently visited us.

Cora Withington, '99, teaches in Liberty School, Pittsburg.

Edith Dodds, '99, who has had charge of the Primary work in the East End schools of Indiana, has been elected to a similar position in one of the schools in Highland District, Pittsburg. Miss Ruth Adair, '96, who had charge of third year work in East End schools of Indiana, succeeds Miss Dodds. Miss Detwiler, '05, was chosen to the place made vacant by Miss Adair.

Our Julia Alexander, '02, now Mrs. Lenkard, of Reynoldsville, recently called on us. Mr. and Mrs. Lenkard expect to move to Indiana soon.

Margaret H. Smith, '93, is teaching at Boonton, New Jersey. It is a beautiful place and she enjoys it greatly, but is contemplating taking the examinations in New York City. Looking toward eligibility for this examination, she has obtained recognition for her High School and Normal School courses by the Committee of Education for the State of New York, at Albany.

Jas. F. Mills, '94, is filling his office with credit as Superintendent of Mifflin County. Dr. Waller was with him two days at his County Institute in December.

Dr. J. D. Wilson, '98, is Professor of Morbid Anatomy and Pathology in Jefferson College, Philadelphia. Dr. Wilson spent the holidays with his mother and sister in Indiana.

Miss Adah Gallaher graduated last June from the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and is now in charge of the second grade in the Normal School at Rio Piedras just out of San Juan, Porto Rico. She is very happy in her work. In her department are thirty-seven of the cleanest, best laundered children she ever saw. The foreign vegetation, architecture, people, manners, customs, etc., are all most interesting to her.

Philip Reithmiller, '02, has accepted a position as second clerk for U. S. Bank Inspector.

Virginia K. Smith, '97, is studying Domestic Science and Domestic Art at the Teachers' College, Columbia University. Miss Smith shares Miss Sarah M. Gallaher's flat while in the city.

One of the King's Daughters, "Tens," '90, have at last set a time for redeeming their long made promise of coming to Indiana. They are to be here for the festival on Washington's birthday. The members are as follows:

Emma Blair, President. Maud Chalfant, (Mrs. Wm. McNary); Mary Chalfant, (Mrs. A. Scudder); Mary O. Duncan; Martha Hawthorne, (Mrs. Robert Rockwell); Tillie Leezer, (Mrs. Robert McAbee); Estelle Murdock, (Mrs. A. Holderman); Lelia Stitt, (Mrs. H. D. Whitfield); Claudine Willison, (Mrs. Jos. Trees). This Ten have held a meeting at the house of one of their number every summer since graduation.

When they left school, they agreed that each member was to give to each fellow member a silver spoon on her wedding day. Any one who was not married should receive a silver spoon from each of the others on her thirty-fifth birthday. Only one of the Ten remains unmarried.

### Weddings.

Annabel Chapman Lucas, '02, was married to Mr. Bittle Wilson Porterfield at the home of her mother in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1906. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Porterfield will be at Eggleston Springs, Virginia.

Georgia May Lacock, '97, was married at the home of her parents, at 366 Cal-

ifornia Avenue, Allegheny, on Wednesday, November 28, 1906, to Mr. William Gomer Griffiths, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths will be at home Thursdays in February, at 2143 Perrysville Avenue, Allegheny City.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleming, in Belleville, Mifflin County, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Nov. 14, 1906, when their daughter, Mary Eliza Fleming, '96, was united in marriage to Mr. E. Gordon Phillips.

The house was beautifully decorated throughout with evergreens and chrysanthemums. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Phillips, father of the groom, assisted by Rev. R. G. McLeod, of Bellwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will make their future home in Belleville. Mrs. Phillips was for several years, one of Mifflin County's most successful teachers.

A handsomely appointed double wedding took place at the home of J. R. McNary on Wednesday, October 17, 1906, at Burgettstown. Miss Georgiana McNary, '02, was married to Mr. W. Ernest Taylor, of Blouche, Kentucky, and her sister, Miss Kathryn McNary, was married to Mr. Samuel J. McCalmont. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor after a wedding trip went to Blouche, Kentucky, their future home. Mrs. Taylor has another sister, Miss Ethel McNary, who graduated at Indiana in 1901.

Zilla M. Marshall, '05, and William O. Anderson, of Coronado, California, were married Jan. 17, 1907.

The groom is a civil engineer and has

been a resident of California for a year. He is now superintending the construction of the Coronado sea wall. Their home will be in southern California.

### Normal News.

The second lecture of the course was delivered by Doctor John Merritte Driver, of The Peoples' Church, Chicago, Dec. 12, on the subject, "America Facing The Orient." The lecture was a masterful interpretation of the great events of history, and culminated in the prophesy that the Anglo Saxon race will solve the problem of Christianizing the East.

Mrs. Sawyer was called to Bath, Maine, in December, on account of the death of her brother. Mrs. Sawyer's many friends in the school and among the alumni sympathize with her in this sad bereavement.

Thanksgiving at Normal was observed in accordance with the settled custom of the school. At eight o'clock in the morning was held the annual prayer-meeting, presided over by Miss Leonard and addressed by Doctor Ament. The dinner at noon fulfilled the promise of the neatly printed menu. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer in charge, merited the praise of the school and its guests for the success of the feast.

In the evening was given the annual entertainment. This consisted of a recital by the Normal Conservatory of Music, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. An account of this will be found elsewhere.

The many friends of Miss Ackerman will regret to hear that she was called home to Lee, Mass., because of the serious

illness of her father, who passed away Feb. 2nd. Miss Ackerman returned to us ten days later. She has the sympathy of a host of friends in this sore trial.

The Juniors and "subs," following the example of the upper classes, turned out to the number of nearly 150 for a sleigh-ride, Tuesday, the 29th of January. They report a good time even if they were somewhat cramped.

The examination by the State Committee will begin Wednesday, June 12, 1907. All applications for diplomas should be filed at the school on or before that date.

Spring term opens April 2nd.

### Washington's Birthday.

February 22, Washington's birthday, was celebrated by the annual festivities which have become a settled part of the school life. To represent Washington's Cabinet the following members of the Senior class were chosen:

W. L. Wingar, George Washington; Anna Laughlin, Lady Washington; John Pierce, Alexander Hamilton; Laura Adams, Lady Hamilton; Hal Speedy, Thomas Jefferson; Margaret Thompson, Lady Jefferson; Wallace Hopkins, General Knox; Margaret Marshall, Lady Knox; Will Summerville, General Jay; Harriet Barnes, Lady Jay; Will McKee, Edward Randolph; Mary V. Hill, Lady Randolph.

### Alumni Banquet at Greensburg.

The Greensburg Tribune of Dec. 21, gives the following account of a banquet

held in that city by a number of the old students of the Indiana Normal School:

About one hundred graduates and pupils of Indiana State Normal School, together with a number of visitors, held their annual banquet in Robinson's Colonial Hall, Third street, Thursday night.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Charles E. Whitten (class of 1887), who, in choice words, declared the object of the meeting. Then followed a scene which was most delightful to those who were familiar with the institution they attended and the happy memories they cherish. A literary feast followed. There were speakers present who could tell stories of by-gone days in such a manner that all were delighted. The following were the speakers: Judge John B. Steel, Prof. Mitchell, Prof. Shaw and Miss Leonard.

Mirth and melody were the features of the occasion. The music was delightful. Miss Cogswell, teacher of piano and organ, and Miss Beardsley, instructor in violin music in Normal Conservatory, were present from the Normal, while Miss Sykes, Miss Albert, of Latrobe, and Miss Ditzler were there with bright songs to cheer the audience.

The Moore orchestra, of Greensburg, furnished the instrumental music.

J. M. Davison, of this town, filled in all the details of the banquet. He had everything right up-to-date and rendered excellent service. All ate like kings and queens in regal palaces and all rejoiced in the happy occasion.



### Alumni Banquet at Kittanning.

Knowing that you are always interested in your alumni I send an account of our "Indiana" meeting at Kittanning:

Thursday, January 3rd, was appointed as Indiana Normal day at the Armstrong County Teachers' Institute. Although Dr. Ament was unable to be with us, the sixteen or seventeen Indiana graduates

teaching in the county lacked neither in loyalty nor enthusiasm and put up the Normal banner in the Institute; and in the evening held a banquet and reception of Indiana alumni and former students, with the Institute instructors, at the Reynolds Hotel.

County Superintendent M. A. Milliron was toastmaster. Toasts were given by Chancellor S. B. McCormick, of W. U. P., Dr. Blose, Prof. Sayus and Chas. Ray, '02. Others present were: Mrs. Scott, Miss Huber and Mr. Karl Blose, with the following teachers: Misses McMullen, Schrader, Dyess, McGeary, Marshall, McLaughlin, Hudson, Iseman, Moore, Johnston, Ditty, Larimer, Fitzgerald, Lindeman, Kinnerdell, Burkett, Bowman, Riggles, and Mrs. Myers.

The following officers were elected for next year; Pres., Eliza McMullen; Vice-Pres., Nell Hudson; Sec., Angie Marshall; Treas., Joe Iseman.

ANGIE MARSHALL, Sec.



### Health.

The school has had a share of the "cold wave disease" that, with variations, annually attacks so many people during the inclement season.

The accommodations we now have for at once separating the sick from the well enables us to use in a *good degree* that best of all medical remedies, prevention, and to take much better care of the sick.

Some girls when sick will try to hide themselves away or be hidden away by room mates—sweat-shop fashion—to prevent separation, not knowing the wrong they are doing. Every term that number diminishes and they are glad for the rest and care of the infirmary.



**Department of Health.**

"There goes on forever an extension of governmental functions that is disquieting to old fashioned thought. But it must be so, because new duties arise that can be done by no other agency, or at least will not be done by any other. Among such new duties is the work that the National Government might do to preserve the public health—not only to prevent the importation of diseases, but to prevent diseases that we already have.

There has long been an agitation for the creation of a "Department of Health," and it is an agitation that will win at some time." *The World's Work.*

**Correspondence.**

Wellston Ohio, DEC. 2, '06.

EDITOR NORMAL HERALD.

The class of '82 in the person of N. N. McGrew sends greeting.

After fifteen years with Bunyan's Pilgrim Band in 1470 churches with an attendance of over 340,000 people to hear our famous illustrated lecture, we turn with longing eyes to our Alma Mater.

We see by the Herald that Miss Leonard is still there, and still young. Distinctly do we remember the now famous expression of the late Judge Silas M. Clark with reference to Miss Leonard, "She'll be there when you're gone." Into how many lives the force of her life flows as a sweet memory and benediction! God bless her and the dear old school, is the wish of one who used to be called one of Miss Leonard's favorites. Yet, after all, those were happy days. Miss Leonard has surely given the schools of Pennsylvania a life of beautiful service. We

have caught something of her spirit in our service for the good of others.

With kind wishes to the school and all her friends I remain,

Yours truly,

N. N. McGREW.

**The Senior Sleighride.**

Monday, Jan. 28, dawned clear, a perfect day for sleighing. At about 8.30 two large sleds, each drawn by four horses, fairly champing the bits and pawing to be off, drew up at the north door. Amid the jingling of sleighbells, the tooting of horns, and the singing of the class song, the Seniors piled in, and set out for Creekside. We were chaperoned by four members of the Faculty who followed in a sleigh.

Our destination reached about ten o'clock, there was the day before us for enjoyment. And what a prospect! Nothing to do, and a chicken dinner ahead. After merry-making, we had our feast. This was followed by more dancing, and grand marches. The principal feature of the afternoon was a series of tableaux improvised, which were given under direction of Miss Peale. The originality of all who took part was severely taxed, as was also the ability of the audience to interpret. The day was a great success.

**The Middlers' Sledride.**

Monday, Jan. 28, was a beautiful day for a sledride. So thought the Middlers, as fifty of that class, chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard and Prof. and Mrs. Jack, started from Normal about half-past eight that morning to go to Kellysburg. The roads were in good condition, the

teams were ready for their work, and the hearts of the boys and girls beat high with pleasure, keeping time to the music of the bells.

Kellysburg was reached in safety, and the Middlers betook themselves to the hotel to see about the replenishing of the "inner man." At noon a bounteous dinner was served to which all did justice.

Some spent the afternoon in dancing; others played games, and all enjoyed themselves.

Every one was sorry when the time for leaving came, but the homeward journey was also enjoyed and Normal was reached at sunset.



### Commercial Department.

Our Commercial department is still on the increase, there being a gain of about twenty-five per cent this term over the enrollment of the corresponding term of last year. The increase attendance of last term made it necessary to add three new typewriters to the equipment of the typewriting room, while two more were added at the beginning of this term. Our machines are all of the latest and best models, the last two purchased being supplied with tabulators.

Many of the Commercial students have recently supplied themselves with pennants made of the Commercial Class Colors—dark blue and gold. These pennants are very beautiful and add much to the decorations of the rooms.

The Commercial Department graduated the following students at the close of the last term, Dec. 22, 1906: Miss Mildred Maloney, Homestead, Pa.; Miss Mabel Yount, Shelocta, Pa.; Miss Martha Kirschner, Allegheny, Pa.; Mr. Raymond

H. Elliott, Armagh, Pa.; Mr. Richard C. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Mr. William B. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

The following students are now doing the Senior term's work of the commercial courses and are expected to graduate at the close of this term:

Mr. Burlington L. Evans, Ebensburg, Pa.; Mr. E. K. Kennedy, Livermore, Pa.; Miss Ada Jones, Vintondale, Pa.; Mr. M. B. Johnston, Armagh, Pa.; Miss Mabel Yount, Shelocta, Pa.; Miss Fay L. Stein, Allegheny, Pa.; Miss Edna Dickie, Homer, Pa.; Miss Mabel Evans, Indiana, Pa.; Miss Ruth Brady, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Lillian Coon.

The Commercial Department extends a cordial welcome to all visitors whether residents of Indiana or not. All questions regarding our courses will be cheerfully answered.



### Literary Societies.

The following program was effectively rendered by the Huyghenian Literary Society, Saturday evening, Jan. 19:

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JANUARY, 1907 FIFTEEN CENTS.

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The Erodelpian Society gave an interesting program at their open meeting, Saturday evening, Jan. 26th.

#### PROGRAMME.

Music.....	Orchestra
Music.....	Selma Konold
Debate.....	Resolved that the Political Union of the United States and Canada would be for the Best Interests of Both.

Affirmative, Linus Elkin  
Negative, Frank Coulter

Music.....	Orchestra
Recitation.....	Kathleen Faul
Vocal Music.....	Leona Styles
Essay.....	Marie Hampkens
Parody.....	Emily I. Wiley
Book Review.....	Jane Wyman
Cornet Solo.....	Myrtle Foale
Prophecy.....	Anna S. Nicklas
"Do Trees Have Ears?".....	Rhea Klineman
Music.....	Orchestra
Recitation.....	Ruelba Lewis
Optimist.....	Bess Whiteman
Vocal Music.....	Miss Florence Vincent
Music.....	Orchestra

President, Ord Rodkey

Secretary, Clara M. Staple

Critic, May Vincent Hill

#### Y. W. C. A.

The outlook for the Young Women's Christian Association is most promising. The Christmas bazar proved very successful. The Bible bands, organized last term, sustain their interest. In addition to the work which the Missionary committee has done toward raising our pledge for a share of Miss Batty's salary, there has recently been formed a volunteer mission study class. We all feel that we

need information along missionary lines. The state convention meets at Altoona, late in February. Miss Allen, Miss Igo, Miss Marie McCullough, and Miss Laughans have been elected as delegates.

We have been greatly helped and blessed by a visit from Miss Cora Dyer, the student secretary for Pennsylvania. On Monday afternoon, Jan. 21, a reception was held for Miss Dyer and she met a great many of the girls. She brought a message for each committee, and her talks with the girls were especially helpful. On Sunday morning her subject was "Friendship with Jesus." On Sunday afternoon she met the Bible bands and discussed with them the value of systematic Bible study. On Sunday evening she followed the subject for that meeting, noting how Jesus met and overcame temptation.

Miss Dyer was with us several days and in those few days came very close to many of the girls, and we all feel that the result of her stay with us will be through the grace of God, a quickened and deepened spiritual life, a broader realization of the value of prayer and study of God's word, and a deeper sense of our duty to each other as students and members of the Christian Association.

#### Y. M. C. A.

The boys are now enjoying their handsome new quarters in Silas M. Clark Hall. A piano is needed to complete their furnishing. It is hoped that it may be forthcoming soon.

Since the burning of the dormitory and all the Y. M. C. A. property last year, the work of the association has been crippled.

pled. Under the conditions it was hard to hold the work together. A visit from the College Secretary just as the boys moved into their new home has given a fresh impulse to the work. Plans have been made, and committees reorganized. Six Bible Study Bands have taken up the work in Willman's "Men of the Old Testament." The outlook is hopeful.

The young men are making an effort to raise money to buy a piano. We hope that members of the Y. M. C. A. among our alumni will come to the aid of the young men in this noble undertaking.

Mr. Harry Clawson represented the Association at the recent State convention at Allentown.

### **BASKET BALL.**

Eighty-one girls report for basket ball, and three days in the week meet in the gymnasium for practice. The captains are familiar with the game, and a contest for the supremacy will be played in the near future.

Enthusiasm runs high, and we expect some fine games soon. Mr. Charles Campbell is the coach.

### **Our Exchanges.**

The Edinboro Normal Review contains an interesting article from the pen of Doctor Biglar on his vacation tour through Europe.

Normal Vidette, published quarterly by the Keystone State Normal School, of Kutztown, Penna., is a wholesome journal of about fifty pages. It gives copious alumni news, and is ambitious enough to tackle many educational problems.

The November Amulet, West Chester Normal School, is largely a Doctor Philips number. It is twenty-five years since Doctor Philips took charge of West Chester Normal.

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The Normal Review, published by the State Normal School of California, is a breezy paper. Like most of the Normal School papers, it is published monthly, at a subscription rate of from fifty cents to a dollar a year.

The Normal Echoes, East Stroudsburg Normal School, is a carefully edited paper, containing, besides school news, valuable educational articles.

We welcome the Aurora, from Knoxville College. It is our only southern exchange.

We are glad to receive occasional copies of The Journal, published by Blairsville College.

To our table come the ambitious High School papers: Wah Hoo, Allegheny; High School Review, Wilkesburg; The Brown and White, Greensburg. We hope soon to have other High School papers on our exchange list.

The Quarterly Bulletin of the State Normal School of North Dakota, shows the substantial progress that our sister school in the northwest is making. In the sixteenth year the attendance is over 350, and the graduating class numbers 55.



Many of our students who complete the regular Shorthand Course are placed in good paying positions by the Remington Typewriter Company of Pittsburg, Pa. This company has placed at least a half dozen of our graduates during the last few weeks. The company first gives the applicants a thoro examination to make sure they are qualified for the position. The following clipping from the New York Press may be of interest to our students and alumni:

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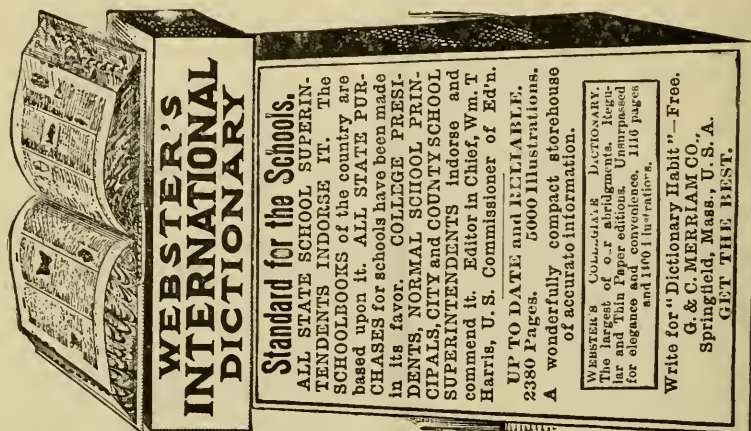
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